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1. SUMMARY. (A) THE OECD HAS NOW ISSUED ITS OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SEMINAR, TO BE HELD IN PARIS ON OCTOBER 25-27, 1976. NOMINATIONS ARE REQUESTED SOONEST. (B) THE PANEL ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR URBAN MANAGEMENT WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 20-21. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT DOH LURIA ATTEND THIS MEETING. (C) TWENTY COPIES EACH OF LIST OF CITIES AND PROGRAM DOCUMENT REFERRED IN TEXT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER (PARA 2 BELOW) FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT, HEMILY/OES FOR DISTRIBUTION. END SUMMARY.
2. QUOTE: "I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT, AS PART OF THE 1976 PROGRAM OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY, A SEMINAR ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WILL BE HELD AT THE OECD

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FROM 25TH - 27TH OCTOBER, 1976.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANIZED BY THE PANEL ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND URBAN MANAGEMENT OF THE OECD'S COMPUTER UTILIZATION GROUP. SINCE DECEMBER 1974 THIS PANEL HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A STUDY ON "LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY" INVOLVING 16 CITIES IN 9 MEMBER COUNTRIES. A LIST OF THESE CITIES IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS STUDY ARE TO DETERMINE MAJOR POLICY ISSUES IN THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE BETTER MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING OF CITIES, AND TO DEFINE HOW NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROCESS.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANIZED IN ORDER TO PRESENT THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED STUDY AND TO GIVE EXPERTS AND DECISION-MAKERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL.

THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR THE SEMINAR IS CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT. IT CAN BE SEEN FROM THIS PROGRAM THAT THE SEMINAR IS LIKELY TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO SENIOR OFFICIALS IN BOTH CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY FORMULATION IN THIS FIELD.

I AM PLEASED TO INVITE YOUR COUNTRY TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR. YOU WILL APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, THAT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO 8-10 PER COUNTRY. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A LIST OF YOUR NOMINATIONS (NAMES, TITLES AND ADDRESSES) BY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1976, IN ORDER TO DISPATCH IN TIME THE FINAL PROGRAM TOGETHER WITH THE PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. THE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SEMINAR." END QUOTE.
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